

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
NARAHARA et al. )  
Application Number: 09/942,563 ) Art Unit 1634  
Filed: August 31, 2001 ) Examiner  
For: NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS AND METHOD ) Goldberg, Jeanine Anne  
FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID BY )  
USING ARRAYS OF NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS )  
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0019 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **one (1) month**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$110.00**.

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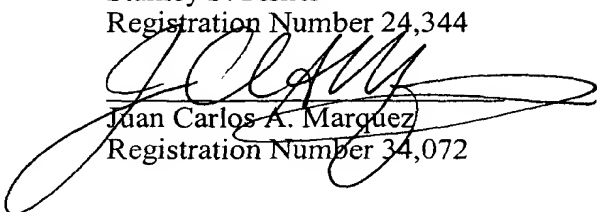
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